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USUN FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

FROM MOOSE AND PETTERSON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV, RH, UK, US
SUBJECT: PLANS FOR SWA ARMY

REFERENCE: (A) PRETORIA 3884; (B) USUN 2651

1. WE BELIEVE THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO MOVE AHEAD TO CREATE A NATIONAL ARMY COMPOSED OF ETHNICALLY-BASED UNITS (REFTEL A) COULD POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO CHANCES OF SUCCESS OF THE FIVE-POWER INITIATIVE. FOR ONE THING, IT IS HARD TO CONCEIVE THAT SWAPO WILL BE WILLING TO DEMOBILIZE THE BULK OF ITS FIGHTING FORCE IF ELEMENTS IN NAMIBIA WHICH ARE HOSTILE TO SWAPO HAVE MILITARY FORCES AT THEIR COMMAND. FURTHERMORE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY FORCES FOR EACH ETHNIC GROUP IS APRESCRIPTIONFORFUTURE CHAOS IN NAMIBIA.

2. THIS ACTION BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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STITUTES, IN OUR VIEW, EVIDENCE OF BAD FAITH ON THEIR PART TO LIVE UP TO THE UNDERSTANDING WE REACHED AT THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS IN CAPE TOWN IN APRIL THAT NEITHER SIDE WOULD TAKE ANY STEPS THAT WOULD IMPEDE PROGRESS TOWARD A SETTLEMENT.

3. WE NOTE THAT THE FINAL TEXT OF TALKING POINTS FOR

USE IN BRIEFING SOUTH AFRICA ON THE WESTERN FIVE TALKS
WITH SWAPO MAKES A REFERENCE TO THE CONCERN WE SHARE
WITH SWAPO ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION OF ETHNIC MILITARY
FORCES (PARA J, REFTEL B). WE BELIEVE THIS IS FAR
FROM A FORCEFUL EXPRESSION OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH
WHICH THE FIVE SHOULD REGARD THE CREATION
BY THE SOUTH AFRICA GOVERNMENT OF
ETHNICALLY-BASED ARMY IN NAMIBIA.

4. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE THE FIVE SHOULD CONSIDER
WEIGHING IN MORE HEAVILY WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS ON
THIS ISSUE AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNE TIME.

5. WE DISCUSSED THIS TODAY WITH DON MCHENRY, WHO
CONCURS WITH OUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

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